9. (New) A travel bag for enclosing, protecting and transporting contents placed therein and for collapsing to a storage position when contents are not placed therein, said travel bag comprising:

a flexible enclosure; and

a rigid support member,

said rigid support member having a main portion, a bottom portion, and side portions, the bottom portion joining the main and side portions to form a partially enclosed concave part into which a portion of said flexible enclosure is fitted and affixed,

said flexible enclosure being formed of a strong material arranged as an enclosure having a top, sides and bottom portions, said sides being flexible so that when said bag does not contain contents said enclosure can be collapsed to a storage position.

10. (New) A travel bag according to claim 9 wherein when said flexible enclosure is in the storage position said flexible enclosure occupies the concave part of said rigid support member.

11. (New) A travel bag according to claim 9 wherein said rigid support member extends from the bottom portion of said enclosure along a portion of the back of said enclosure and along a portion of the sides of said enclosure.

12. (New) A travel bag according to claim 9 wherein the main portion of said rigid support member extends from the bottom portion of said enclosure, along a portion of the back of said enclosure and terminates near the middle of said enclosure.

13. (New) A travel bag according to claim 9 wherein the main portion of said rigid support member is located on the back portion of said enclosure and extends between the bottom portion of said enclosure and the middle of said enclosure.

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14. (New) A travel bag for enclosing, protecting and transporting contents placed therein comprising:

a flexible enclosure; and

a rigid support member,

said flexible enclosure being formed of a strong material arranged as an enclosure having a top, sides and bottom portions,

said rigid support member having a main portion, a bottom portion, and side portions, the bottom portion joining the main and side portions to form a partially enclosed cavity into which a portion of said flexible enclosure is fitted and affixed, the main portion extending from the bottom of said enclosure along a portion of the side and terminating near the middle of said enclosure.

15. (New) A travel bag according to claim 14 wherein said rigid support member is formed in a shape substantially similar to a quadrant of said flexible enclosure.

16. (New) A travel bag for enclosing, protecting and transporting contents placed therein comprised of two primary members:

a flexible enclosure; and

a rigid support member,

said flexible enclosure being formed of a strong material arranged as an enclosure having a top, sides and bottom portions,

said rigid support member being formed of a single piece rugged material having a main portion, a bottom portion, and side portions, the bottom portion joining the main and side portions to form a partially enclosed cavity into which a portion of said flexible enclosure is fitted and affixed.

17. (New) A travel bag of claim 16, said flexible enclosure being formed of a material from the group:

canvas, denim, cotton, nylon, acrylics and polyesters; and

said rigid base being formed of a plastic material.

18. (New) A travel bag of claim 16 said flexible enclosure being formed of a material from the group:

canvas, denim, cotton, nylon, acrylics and polyesters; and

said rigid base being formed of a metallic material.

19. (New) A travel bag of claim 16 said rigid support member further comprising: wheel wells, said wheel wells being arranged on a curved joint between the main portion and the bottom portion operable to receive therein wheels and wheel mounting hardware.

20. (New) A travel bag of claim 16 said rigid support member further comprising reinforcement ribs, the reinforcement ribs being formed on said rigid member main portion in longitudinal or lateral directions.

21. (New) A travel bag of claim 16 said flexible enclosure having two corners and said rigid support member having two corners, the corners of the flexible enclosure being matingly received and affixed into the corners of the rigid support member.

22. (New) A travel bag of claim 21 said flexible enclosure being affixed to said rigid support member by rivets.

23. (New) A travel bag of claim 22 said rigid support member having a convex side and a concave side, said flexible enclosure being affixed to the concave side of said rigid support member, said wheel wells being affixed to the convex side of the rigid support member at the curved joint.

24. A travel bag for enclosing, protecting and transporting contents placed therein, said bag comprising two primary members as follows:

a flexible enclosure; and

a rigid support member,

said flexible enclosure being formed of a strong material of a top, sides and bottom portions,

said rigid support member being formed of a single piece rugged material having a main portion, a bottom portion, and side portions, the bottom portion joining the main and side portions to form a partially enclosed cavity into which a portion of said flexible enclosure is fitted and affixed.

25. (New) A travel bag of claim 24, said rigid member having a single closed loop periphery.

26. (New) A travel bag of claim 24, said flexible enclosure sides being formed of a single piece which is wrapped in a cylindrical body to form a substantially elongated element which may be joined by said top and bottom portions.

27. (New) A travel bag of claim 24, said rigid member extending from a bottom edge to terminate near the middle of the flexible enclosure member.

28. (New) A travel bag of claim 24, said rigid member having a concave side to cooperate in form with the flexible enclosure member.

29. (New) A travel bag of claim 24, said rigid member further having corners integrated with the entire rigid member as a single piece of formed material whereby the corners cannot be separated from the bag.

30. (New) A travel bag of claim 24, said flexible enclosure member is affixed to the rigid member such that it may be pushed through the closed loop periphery and into the partially enclosed cavity formed by the rigid member.

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